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Miyakobachi

ORIGINAL CHARACTER DESIGN
Sabamizore

azuki

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TURNING the TABLES on the SEATMATE KILLER!

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*THIS LINE IS THE CATCHPHRASE THAT WAS USED IN THE MAIN VISUALS IMAGE FOR STREET FIGHTER 2.

WHY WAS THAT STUFF IN THE PARENTHESES THEN?!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME WE HAD A GUEST?!

Y-Y-YUKIKUN!

MINA, SHE'S *(SCARY BUT PROBABLY)* A SAFE PERSON.

OKAY. I'LL TRY AND BE A TAD BIT GENTLE, THEN.

She's shy...

RIO HANASHIRO... MY LITTLE SISTER IS A TAD BIT SENSITIVE, SO...

MY NAME IS RIO HANSHIRO. IT'S VERY NICE TO MEET YOU.

...HELLO, YUUKI'S LITTLE SISTER.

OBSERVING

JUST WHAT SORT OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU HAVE WITH YUKIKUN?!
WHAT?!
QUESTION

Aaargh...!
?
"Help me out" eyes
W-WELL...

WHAAAAT?!

OUR RELATIONSHIP IS BASED ON *MONEY* (QU● CARDS)!

TA-

DAH

YOU DID WHAT?!

SHE'S GOOD AT STUDYING, SO I ASKED HER TO HELP YOU OUT WITH YOUR TEST *PRÉPA*.

NO, NO, NO, WE'RE JUST NORMAL FRIENDS.

THAT'S... UM, SOMETHING...

MGGH...!

AND THE TEST *PRÉPA* BEGINS NOW!

THAT'S RIGHT.

WAAAH! YUKIKUUUN!

Help me~

Glomp

MUGU?!

FAKE TEARS

PULL

IT WAS REAL CRYING, I SWEAR! IT'S JUST THE TYPE OF REAL CRYING WHERE TEARS DON'T COME OUT!!

WAAAAAH!

RIO-SAN... THIS VIXEN IS TRYING TO FOOL US WITH FAKE CRYING!

M... MASH BROS...!

THIS IS RIDICULOUS... I'M SITTING YOU DOWN AT YOUR DESK!

URK...!

Ugh...

ONLY... ONLY IF YOU BEAT ME AT MASH BROS FIRST...!!

D... DON'T YOU EVER GIVE UP?!

RESISTING

MUTTER MUTTER

BUUUT... IF I'M GONNA LEARN, I WANNA LEARN FROM SOMEONE WHO'S NICE!

LIKE YUI-DON!

THE LITTLE VIXEN ALWAYS TRIES TO PULL THIS TRICK, BOSS!

BOSS RIO DON'T GIVE A FLYING WHOOP ABOUT THAT CRAP!

FINE.

LIKE YUI, HUH...?

She's ignoring me!

Smirk

Uh oh.

TA-

LET'S FIGHT.

DAH

YOU NEVER STOP BARKING, DO YOU? I'LL GIVE YOU JUST THREE SECONDS TO PRAY TO GOD...

HEH... YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO PLAY MASH BROS WITH ME? JUST LIKE A MOTH TO A FLAME...

IT SEEMS LIKE RIO HANASHIRO'S GETTING WAY MORE INTO THIS THAN I EXPECTED...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO INVITED HER TO PLAY...

CRACK
EXTERMINATE
Ow.
WHAM
WHAM
WAAAAHHHH!!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
H-HUH?

SMACK

I'M STILL GETTING WARMED UP...

BAM

WAAA-AHHH!!

CRACK

PLOP

SHE'S INSANELY GOOD!!

CRACK

YOU NEED TO FIGHT BACK MORE, OR I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET BACK INTO PROPER FORM.

HELP MEEEE!!

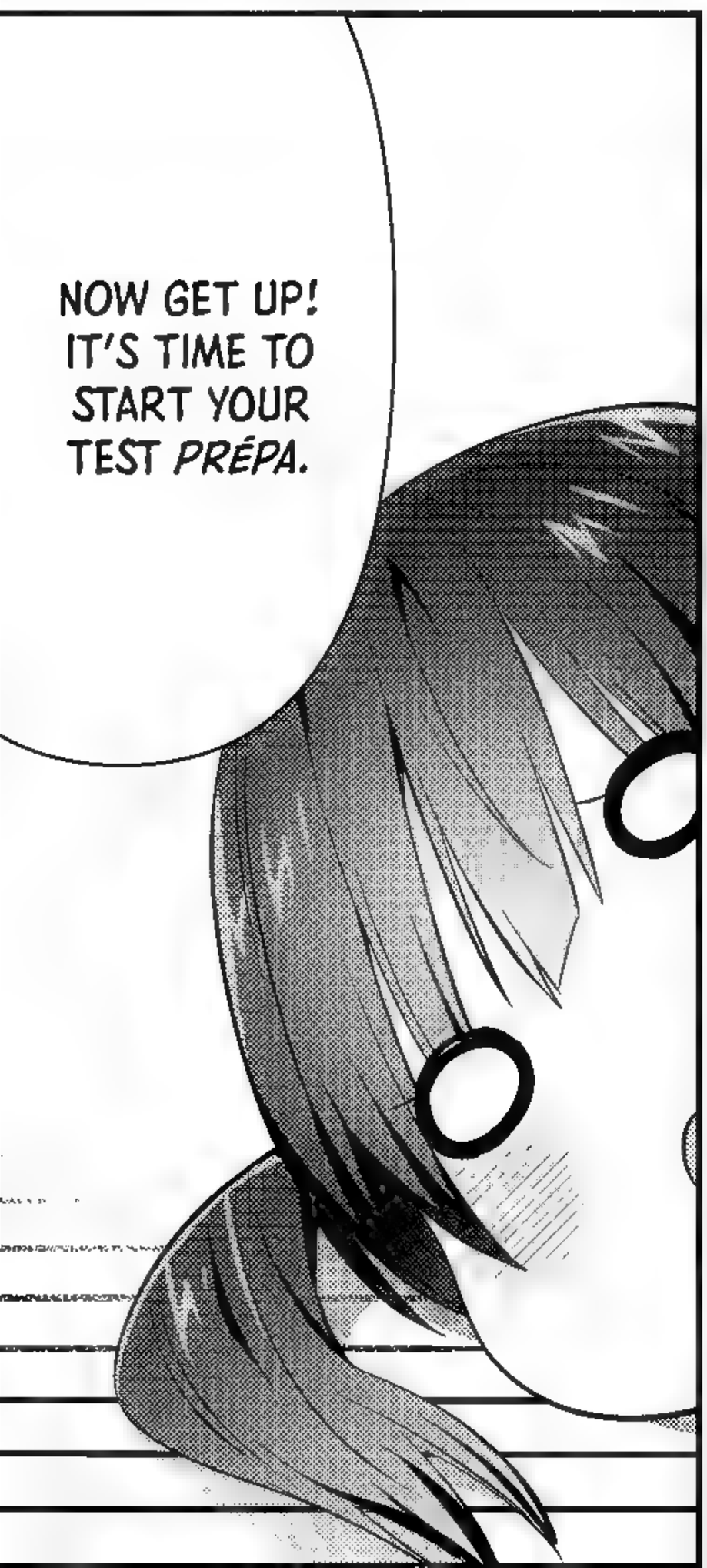
RIP

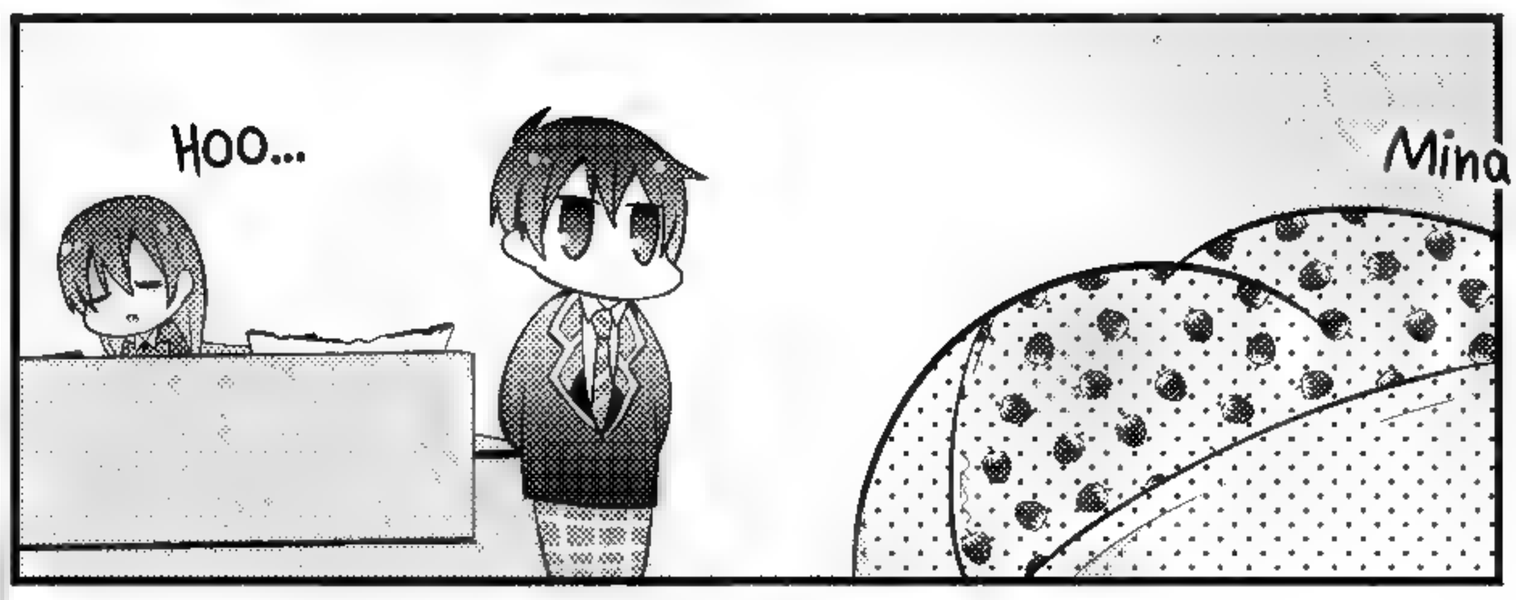
GYAAHHH

WHAT... AN INCREDIBLE FORMER-STUDENT-DISCIPLINE-COMMITTEE MEMBER...

CONVICTION

Diiiiiing


NOW GET UP! IT'S TIME TO START YOUR TEST *PRÉPA*.


HOO...
Minabutt

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER SHE CAN OR NOT– WE SIMPLY HAVE TO MAKE HER DO IT.
SHOOO
GOOD JOB... BUT IS SHE REALLY GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO HER TEST *PRÉPA* NOW? SHE'S BEEN COMPLETELY PULVERIZED...
INDEED.

MASTER!!

WHAT?!

RESPECT

GRAB

I only played the game to begin with because of my little brother...

I-I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT!

WHAT?! YOU GOT THAT GOOD SIMPLY FROM PRACTICING ON YOUR OWN? YOU'RE A MONSTER!!

PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR ACCOUNT NAME!!

I'VE NEVER MET SOMEONE THIS GOOD, EVEN WHEN PLAYING ONLINE!

IT'S NICE THAT THEY'RE BECOMING FRIENDS, BUT WE'RE GETTING FARTHER AND FARTHER OFF COURSE....

I probably shouldn't interrupt this moment, but...

squeal

squeal

YAAAY! PWEASE, PWEASE!!

Got it?!

ALRIGHT THEN, IF YOU DO YOUR TEST *PRÉPA*, I'LL MAKE AN ACCOUNT!

SHE'S... SO SKILLED!

THEY MANAGED TO GET MINA TO DO HER TEST *PRÉPA* IN THE END,

AND SO,

STUDYING

OHOHOHO! ♪

AND SEVERAL HOURS PASSED.

I'VE READ THAT MANGA TOO. IT'S STRANGE HOW THEY USE REAL FOOTAGE OF THE TEXTBOOKS WHILE EVERYTHING ELSE IS DRAWN...

NOW WHEN I SEE QUESTIONS ON THE TEST I CAN BE LIKE "THIS IS JUST LIKE WHAT I DID IN MY THE SHINKEN Z●MI," LIKE IN THE SHINKEN Z●MI MANGA!

Yep, yep.

I GET IT... I GET IT ALL NOW!

SHINKEN Z•MI*

*A FAMOUS EXTRA-CURRICULAR STUDY PROGRAM.

YAAAY!!

HAPPY

THAT'S IT FOR TODAY!

SQUEAL

OKAY, YOU GOT ALL THE QUESTIONS CORRECT! I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT, MINA!

EH HEH HEH! IT'S ALL THANKS TO MY WONDERFUL TEACHER!♡

SQUEAL

RIO HANASHIRO...

Whoa...

!
THANK YOU.
I'VE NEVER SEEN MINA FOCUS THIS MUCH ON TEST *PRÉPA*.

IT WAS NOTHING!
...HMPH.
BLUSH...

OH, THAT'S RIGHT. I'LL WALK YOU HOME.
JUST ONE FIGHT, OKAY? IT'S ALREADY QUITE LATE.
LET'S FIGHT AS SOON AS YOU MAKE AN ACCOUNT!

#42: Who's Going to Become the Obedient One?

MURGH... I CAN'T CONCENTRATE...

WHAT!?

THOSE TWO HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN THAT FAR...?

ジャーン

THROOOOB

What did Yuuki-kun say?

I NEED TO STAY AS CALM AS POSSIBLE...!

CALM DOWN...

TAP

TAP

Pop

He said she was his lover

?!

DING ♪

She played Mash Bros. with me and helped me with my test prépa. It was really fun.

But it seems like Yukikun has more fun when he's with you, Yui-chan...

BLOSSOM...

ぽわぁ..

I CAN'T LET YUUKI-KUN AND RIO-CHAN GET ANY CLOSER THAN THIS...!!

WAIT, NOW'S NO TIME TO BE BLOSSOMING!!

JERK

And in order to do that...

I NEED TO GET THAT OBEDIENCE CARD AND PLAN AN EVENT THAT'LL MAKE OUR INTIMACY POINTS SKYROCKET...!

AND SO THE TEST PERIOD ENDED...

HWA

I NEED TO FINISH MY TEST PRÉPA!!

AAAH

しずBLEHZ—™

ASAKURA...

ISHIDA...

HERE ARE YOUR TESTS BACK.

Taka-shima...

WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT I LOST THAT MUCH SLEEP?!

Utsumi ...

HUH... DIDN'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP?

TAKATSUKI...

TWITCH

HOWAHHH?!

SHUDDAP.

URK...!
Ahaha!
Confident, are you?
WOW, YOU SEEM REALLY EXCITED.
Haha...

RATTLE
YUI'S ACTING EVEN WEIRDER THAN USUAL TODAY...
It's your fault!

Oooh.

Tmp

NARITO!

ARE YOU A DEMON?!

YUI, LET'S REVEAL OUR TESTS...

YANK

TEARS...

ALL RIGHT, FINE, FINE! I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU, JUST STOP TWISTING MY ARM!

Silent Pressure

...

It's unproductive...

WHAT DO YOU SAY WE JUST FORGET THE WHOLE COMPETITION THING?

MUTTER

MUTTER

ONE, TWO...

Yuuki

Salmon | Sond

Yui Takatsuki

Yellowtail | Young Yellowtail | Seabream | Sand

THREE!!

RESULTING IN AN EASY VICTORY FOR YUUKI.

Woo!

Bleh...

SKRITCH

SKRITCH

HERE.

NOW, LOSER... I CLAIM THE OBEDIENCE CARD FROM YOUR DECK!

WA HA HA HA!

WHAT KIND OF A CHARACTER ARE YOU TRYING TO BE NOW?!

OBEDIENCE CARD

CLEARLY NOT WRITTEN IN GOOD FAITH...

YEAAAH! I DID THAT ON PURPOSE TO MAKE IT LOOK COOL!

AND I THINK THE "E" IS WRITTEN BACKWARDS HERE...

YEAH, I WROTE IT USING SCRAP PAPER I HAD LEFTOVER.

THIS PAPER LOOKS KINDA... CRUMPLED UP...

Hmmm...

HMPH! DO YOUR WORST!

Hmph!

YEAH. I CAN USE IT TO DO WHATEVER I WANT, RIGHT?

YOU'RE USING IT ALREADY? ARE YOU SURE?

WHAT?!

I THINK I'LL USE THE CARD IMMEDIATELY, THEN.

MUTTER...

W-WELL...

...

THERE ARE STILL CERTAIN THINGS THAT ARE OFF LIMITS, OKAY...?!

Urk!

FOR EXAMPLE?

BLUUUSH

かぁぁぁ

あ

MUGUGU-GU...!

あ

うがぁーっ!!

GRAAARR!!

Eeek

C'MOOON, DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT!!

MEET ME OUT BACK BEHIND THE SCHOOL.

S-SEXUAL HARASSMENT!

WHEN CLASSES ARE OVER...

WHAT? I KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALLUDING TO...

I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING ONCE YOU GET THERE.

IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...!

YUI!

TWITCH

JANK

JERK

HAWAAAH?!

I MADE SURE TO LEAVE THE CLASS-ROOM ON MY OWN SO THINGS DIDN'T BECOME OVERLY AWKWARD...

BUT NOW I'M REALLY NERVOUS!!

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

FINALLY GOING TO HAPPEN?!

IS IT...

CHAPTER 17

BEHIND THE SCHOOL

AFTER CLASSES

ALONE WITH THE MONSIEUR SHE LIKES

Turning the Tables on the Seatmate Killer by Miyakobachi, Aresanzui

Hoo...

Translation: Dan Luffey, Lettering: Barri Shrager

I JUST GOT HERE...

URGH... IT GOT COLD WHILE I WAS WAITING FOR YOU!

HALT!

MY STOMACH HURTS, CAN I GO HOME?

HOWAHH ?!

STARE

ALL RIGHT THEN, I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK.

YUI...

I KNOW WHAT THIS IS...!

URK...!

IT'S FINALLY HAPPENING...

THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN ON MY MIND FOR A WHILE NOW.

Hehah! We're lovers, y'know.

YUUKI

MY ROSE-TINTED HIGH SCHOOL LIFE IS FINALLY ABOUT TO BEGIN!!

AND WE'LL FINALLY START GOING OUT!

BA-DUMP...

BA-DUMP...

TAKE THIS...

ONE MORE STEP...

OKAY, YUUKI-KUN!!

WHAM.

AND HANG OUT WITH RIO HANASHIRO.

?!
?!

WAIT!

Grab

OKAY THEN, I'M COUNTING ON YOU, YUI!

YOU'RE NOT ANSWERING MY QUESTION!!

AND YOU SAID YOU'D DO ANYTHING...

WELL, I GOT THE OBEDIENCE CARD,

WHY ARE YOU BRINGING UP RIO HANASHIRO AGAIN?!

...YES?
YUUKI-KUN...? OBEDIENCE CARD, PLEASE.
?!
HI
RIP
4TEAR
SHRED
チャット

Flutter

Flutter

STOP BEING SO AMBIGUOUS, YOU MORON!!

PLACE YOUR HAND ON YOUR HEART AND WALK YOURSELF BACK THROUGH EVERYTHING YOU JUST DID!

AMBIGUOUS...? WHAT DID I DO?

YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD LATELY, YUUKI-KUN.

YOU'RE FOCUSED ON NOTHING BUT RIO-CHAN, 24/7!

EVEN WHEN THE THREE OF US WERE HANGING OUT TOGETHER... YOU WERE TALKING TO HER IN SECRET THE ENTIRE TIME!

HOO...

STOP LEAVING ME OUT OF EVERYTHING!

Pat

WH-WHY IS YOUR HAND ON MY HEAD?!

I'M SORRY, YUI.

I'VE BEEN KEEPING IT A SECRET FROM YOU, BUT...

THE TRUTH IS,

RIO HANASHIRO ASKED ME TO HELP HER HANG OUT WITH YOU MORE.

WHAT ?!

APPARENTLY SHE'S FELT DISTANT FROM YOU EVER SINCE YOU CHANGED CLASSES, SO IT WAS HARD FOR HER TO ASK YOU...

We've exchanged LI●E accounts, too!

WH...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! SHE COULD HAVE JUST ASKED ME HERSELF! SHE AND I ARE ALREADY FRIENDS...

...SIGH.

...I'M SORRY FOR KEEPING IT A SECRET AND LEAVING YOU OUT OF THINGS.

FWICK

THAT'S FOR ALL THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS YOU CAUSED, DUMMY.
That was pretty painful...
SO... YOU *ARE* MAD?

It's great that you're nice and all, but...
...GEEZ. IT WAS THE SAME WITH MINA-CHAN.
?
TAP
TAP
EVERYTHING YOU DO TO BE CONSIDERATE IS ALWAYS WAY OFF THE MARK!

BOOP

Let's hang out tomorrow Rio-chan

I'LL HANG OUT WITH HER WHENEVER SHE WANTS, GOSH DARNIT!

SHE'S ANGRY, BUT...

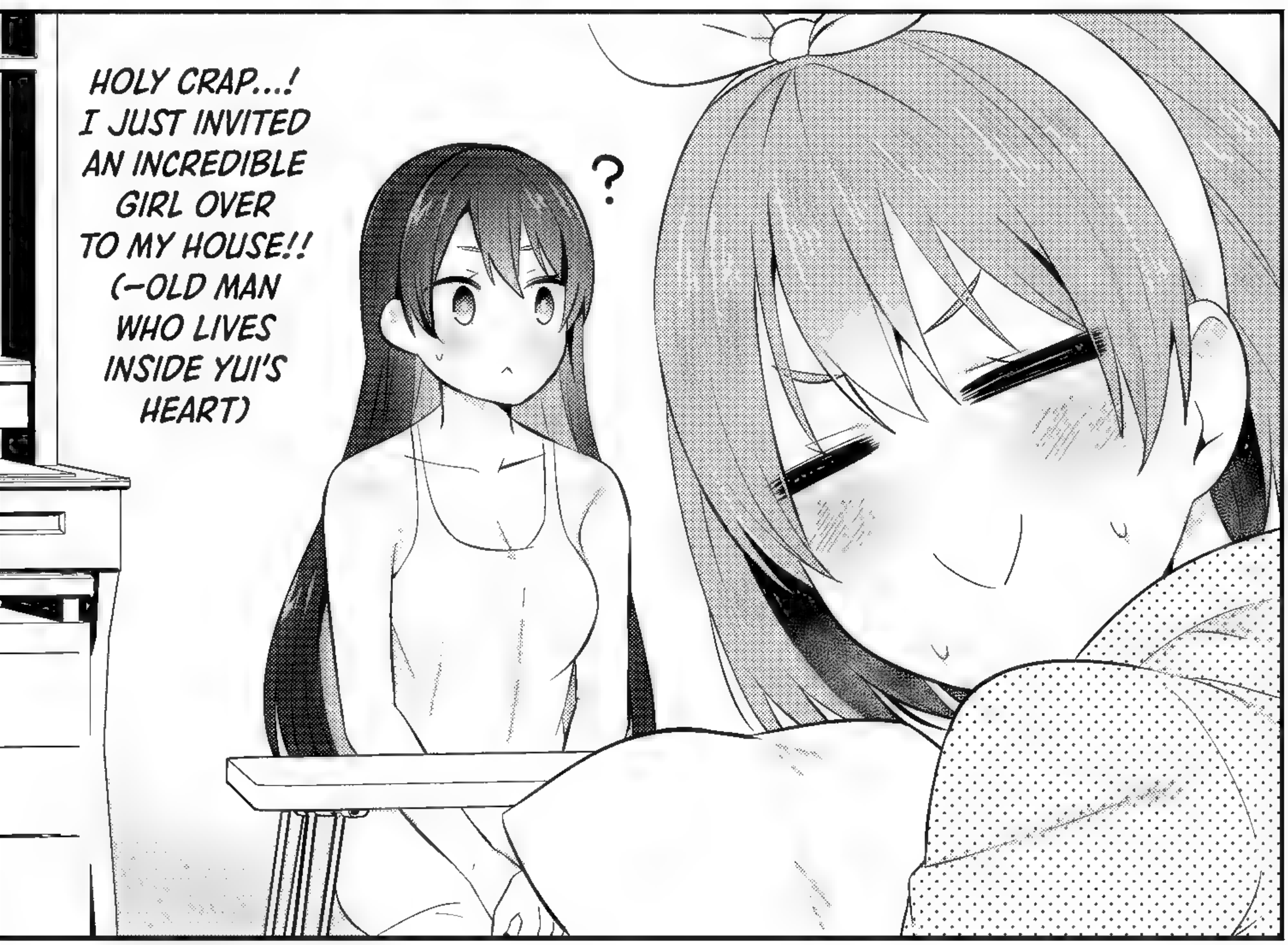
YUI...

C'MON, YUUKI-KUN, TIME TO GO HOME!

SEEMS TO HAVE ALREADY CHEERED UP.

#44: A Revelation! Yui's Devilish Flash of Inspiration

デデン!
BA-DOOM
GLANCE
WE'RE JUST TWO GIRLS HANGING OUT... SO WHY DO I FEEL SO NER-VOUS?
HUHHH? SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE...
Fidget
Fidget


HOLY CRAP...! I JUST INVITED AN INCREDIBLE GIRL OVER TO MY HOUSE!! (—OLD MAN WHO LIVES INSIDE YUI'S HEART)
?

I'M... SORRY I WASN'T OF ANY HELP WITH YOUR TEST *PRÉPA*.

YES?!

Y-YUI...?

Really...?

IT WAS MY OWN INABILITY TO MEMORIZE ANYTHING THAT DOOMED ME...

OH, NO, RIO-CHAN, THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO APOLOGIZE!

BESIDES, THE TESTS ARE ALL OVER NOW! LET'S PLAY A GAME OR SOMETHIN'!

GRIN

AHH... YUI!! HOW KIND CAN ONE PERSON BE...?!

OH NO... I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO DEVELOP A TASTE FOR THE ***MADEMOISELLES...***

AAAWAWAWAH!!

YOU WERE GOING EASY ON ME?!

S-SORRY! I'LL TRY TO SYNC THINGS UP TO YOUR LEVEL EVEN MORE.

"THE ONE WHERE SHE FALLS IN LOVE WITH HIM AFTER ASKING HIM FOR HELP?!"

DON'T TELL ME THIS IS...

The usual...

You're so close!

REAWWY? DIDN'T HE SAY ANYTHING WEIRD ABOUT ME?!

Y-YOU THINK SO? HE SEEMS LIKE NOTHING BUT AN AIRHEAD MANJU TO ME.

Putting out her feelers

WHAT...?!

SCOOT

WHAT?!

FAR FROM IT! HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, YUI!

WELL...

THAT'S A STRANGE FACIAL EXPRESSION...

HE EVEN TAUGHT ME THINGS ABOUT YOU THAT I DIDN'T KNOW!

NOT AT ALL!

Just tell me what he said!

WHAM

STOP ALL THAT SEATMATE KILLER STUFF!

No.81

Seatmate Killer
Neighbor Po●●mon

Height **1.14** kg
Weight **5.14** kg

A horrifying creature who physically, mentally, and socially assassinates whoever sits next to them.

SEATMATE KILLER...??

I'M SURE IT'S JUST ANOTHER PART OF YOUR ***FALL IN LOVE WITH ME*** GAME... BUT YOU NEED TO VALUE YOURSELF MORE, YUI!

HEY... HEY, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!

WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...??

AND THE SAME GOES FOR THE OBEDIENCE CARD STUFF!

OKAY, I'LL ADMIT THAT THE OBEDIENCE CARD JOKE WENT A LITTLE TOO FAR...

BUT I DON'T KNOW THE SLIGHTEST THING ABOUT THAT ***FALL IN LOVE WITH ME GAME*** AND ***SEATMATE KILLER*** STUFF!

...BUT THAT'S WHAT YUUKI NARITO SAID...

WHAT?!

Powdery~

sh○w~ ♪

THAT IDIOT... HOW MUCH DID HE TELL HER?!

THEN WHY DID YOU GIVE HIM THAT BENTO?!
?!
WHOOM
W-WELL HE'S GOT ME ALL WRONG!
WHAT...?!
*STRAIGHT RIGHT OF POWERFUL WORDS

AHHHH... I CAN'T TELL HER THAT WAS A SERIOUS BENTO!
AAA
CURSE YOUUUU, YUUKIII!!
AHH?!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT WASN'T PART OF YOUR FALL IN LOVE WITH ME GAME EITHER?!

OKAY...?

※This is a lie

BUT SHE DIDN'T NEED IT, SO I GAVE IT TO HIM INSTEAD!

I-I JUST MADE ONE FOR MY BIG SISTER,

OR MAYBE HE'S PLAYING A SERIOUS JOKE OF SOME SORT...?

?

Okay?

YUUKI-KUN JUST *THINKS* I'M PLAYING A ***FALL IN LOVE WITH ME*** GAME!

Mggh!

I MEAN, COME ON... WOULD SOMEONE EVER REALLY PLAY A GAME LIKE THAT?

IF THEY DID, THEY'D HAVE TO BE A FEMALE DEVIL IN THE FLESH! *(LOL)*

BWAP

NARITO, YOU LIAAAAR!!

?!

THERE'S NO WAY A DEVIL WOULD EVER BE ABLE TO POSSESS AN ANGEL THIS PURE!!

Sit, sit!

WHOA... RIO-CHAN!

IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

...HE SAID YOU'RE ONLY MAKING BENTOS FOR HIM AND PLAYING THAT *FALL IN LOVE WITH ME* GAME BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN POSSESSED BY A DEVIL...
HEY... WHAT'S WITH ALL THE *POSSESSED BY A DEVIL* TALK...

YUI?!
GRAHHH
YUUKI NARITOOO!!!

FINE! TWO CAN PLAY AT THIS GAME...
SO, YOU'RE GONNA CALL ME A DEVIL BEHIND MY BACK, IS THAT IT?

Watching a movie...

Chocolate Factory

CHAPTER 18

#45: The Narito Family and the Popcorn Factory

HERE, YUKIKUN, HAVE SOME MORE POPCORN!

Thanks.

Powdery sn●w~ If only I had s●me~

YES?

WAS IT FUN?

I JUST DID! WE HUNG OUT A LOT TODAY!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO HANG OUT WITH RIO HANASHIRO TODAY.

LET'S HANG OUT TOMORROW.

!?

RUMBLE...

WHAT'S THIS INCREDIBLY EVIL AURA I FEEL...?

UH... ARE YOU PLOTTING SOMETHING?

OF COURSE NOT. MEET ME IN FRONT OF THE STATION AT 1 PM, OKAY?

CLICK

Call Ended

BYE☆

RUMBLE...

RUMBLE...

A DATE?

HUH?
WHAT ABOUT ME?

WHOOP WHOOP~ SO MUCH PASSION ♪
I'M GETTING A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

I GOT 92 POINTS ON MY TEST! DON'T YOU HAVE A REWARD FOR ME TOO, YUKIKUN?
UHH... NOT REALLY.
PROMPT

TROT

THAT'S NOT FAIR, THAT'S NOT FAIR!

High Schooler

You're acting like a kinder-gartener...

YOU ONLY EVER GIVE YUI-DON ATTENTION! THAT'S NOT FAIR!

I know!

TROT

5 Year-old

HOW ABOUT WE HAVE A *GOOD-JOB PARTY?*

A PARTY FOR ALL THE STUDENT WARRIORS WHO FINISHED THEIR TEST PERIODS!!

IDEA

WHAT'S THIS NOW? A BANQUET?

YAY, THEN IT'S OFFICIAL NOW ♪

Timing-wise, it'd be easy to bring her over after we've hung out.

I GUESS I COULD DO THAT.

AFTER YOU GO ON YOUR DATE WITH YUI-DON TOMORROW, YOU SHOULD BRING HER BACK HERE SO WE CAN CELEBRATE!

AND SO, ON THE NEXT DAY...

#46: Devil Yui and the Devilish Date

I hope nothing weird happens...

YESTERDAY... IT FELT LIKE YUI WAS OVER-FLOWING WITH EVIL POWER...

AM I GONNA BE SAFE HERE...?

Oh, I got here first...

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

Hmm...

KUVA
KUVA
VOOM

HEH HEH HEH... BINGO!

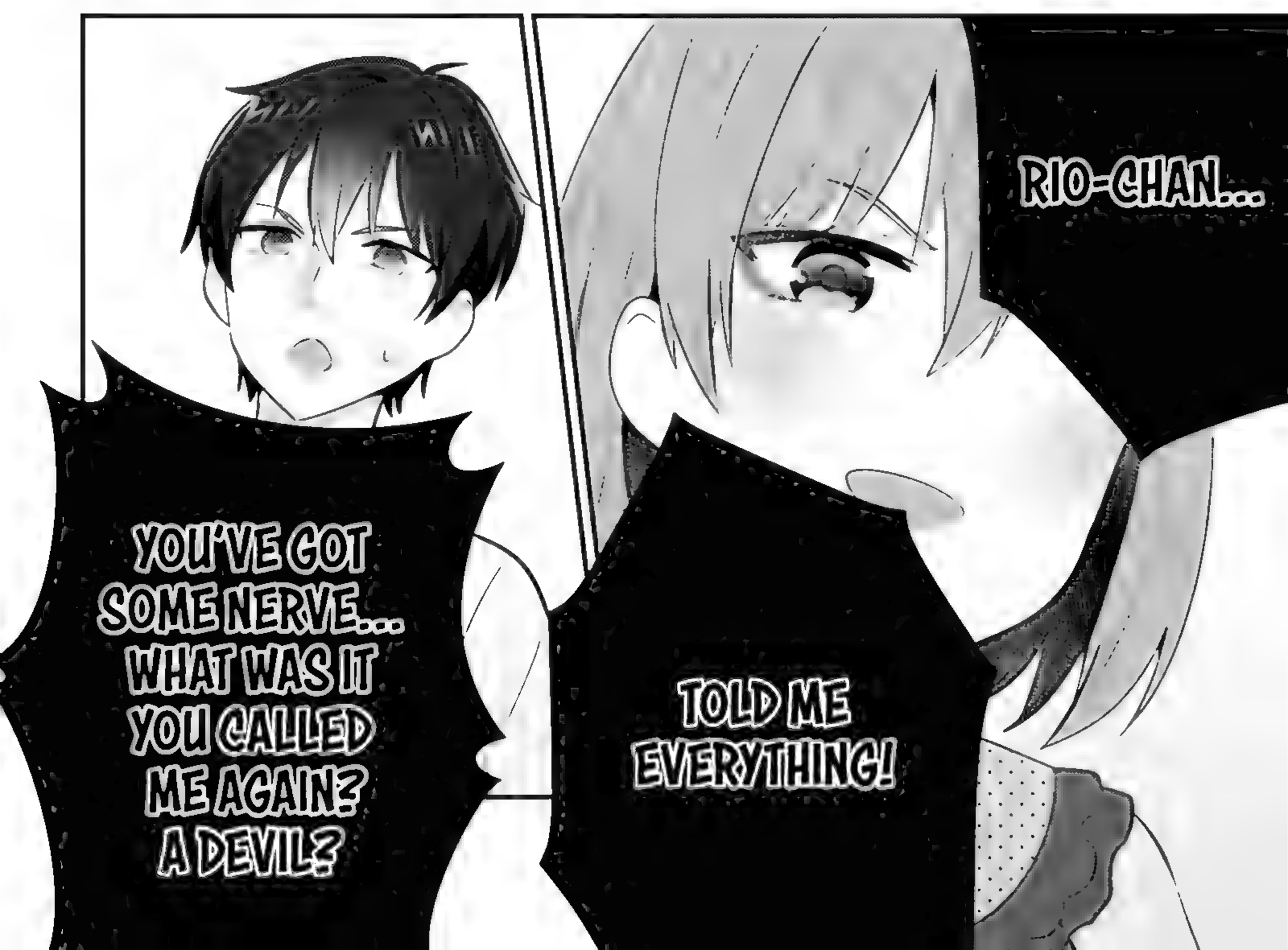
HUH...? IS THIS THE EPISODE WHERE THE HEROINE GOES OVER TO THE DARK SIDE OR SOMETHING?!

IS THAT... THE OBEDIENCE CARD?

OBEDIENCE CARD

RIO-CHAN...

B-BUT THAT CAN'T BE! THE OBEDIENCE CARD WAS RIPPED UP AND THE REMAINS WERE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY!



F-F-F-FOR HOW MAD YOU ARE...

YOU SURE DO LOOK CUTE TODAY...

NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE UP FOR EVERY PIECE OF SLANDER YOU SLANG BEHIND MY BACK!

Ahh

DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJEEECT!

Eee

eek!

TEE HEE!

AND SO, TODAY...

NOT EVEN THE GOOD-NATURED YUI-SAN IS SAINTLY ENOUGH TO KEEP FROM LOSING HER TEMPER!

YOU FILLED RIO-CHAN'S HEAD WITH ALL SORTS OF HALF-TRUTHS!

You will be obedient to Devil Yui!

WHEN YOU THINK *DATE*, YOU THINK OF CLOTHING STORES, RIGHT?!
...
CHAAARGE!!
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU FREEZING UP FOR?!
SMAK
SMAK
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH HER...

THINK IT'D BE A GOOD FIT FOR ME?

LOOK!

YEAH.

Slip

OBEDIENCE

CLINK

Twist

Twist

Oh Yeaaah?

FIIIINE, HUH? YOU REALLY THINK IT'D JUST LOOK FIIINE?!

WHAT?! I'M NOT ALLOWED TO SAY THAT?!

I was trying to compliment you...

YUUKI-KUN, WHICH OF THESE TWO DO YOU THINK WOULD LOOK BETTER ON ME?

EITHER ONE, I GUESS...

TILING

YOU AREN'T PUTTING YOUR HEART INTO EVERYTHING YOU SAY. LET'S TRY TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR HEARTS, OKAY?

A DEVIL'S LECTURING ME ABOUT MORALITY...

PLAYING IT SAFE AND NEVER TAKING A SIDE ISN'T GOOD! YOU NEED TO MAKE A DECISION!

NOOOO! STOP CONTROLLING MEEE!!

THIS OUTFIT!

THIS ONE...

TH—

YEAH... AS YOU CAN SEE, I SAID IT AFTER REVERTING BACK FROM MY MANJU FORM INTO MY NORMAL FORM, SO YOU CAN TRUST ME!

ARE THOSE GENUINE WORDS?

I HOPE SHE'LL GET BORED OF THIS SCHTICK SOON...

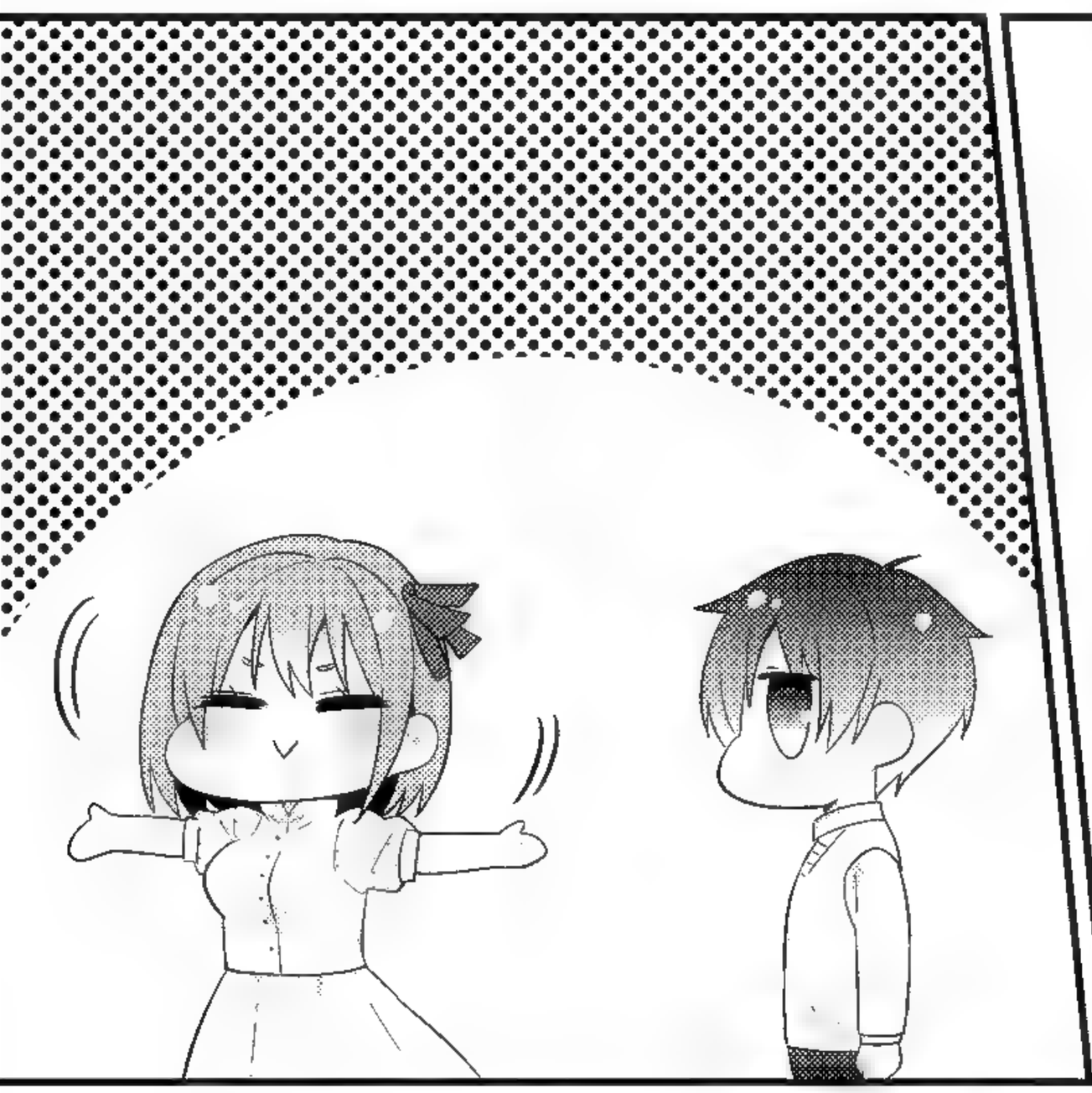
OKAY, I'M GONNA GO TRY IT ON♡

FSSH

TICK
TICK
TICK
Diiing
THANKS FOR WAITING!
TA-DAH☆

THAT'S ALL YOU CARE ABOUT?!

YOU AREN'T GONNA STICK WITH THE DEVIL CONCEPT?



How do you like the rear view?!

I'M NOT IN MY DEVIL FORM RIGHT NOW!!

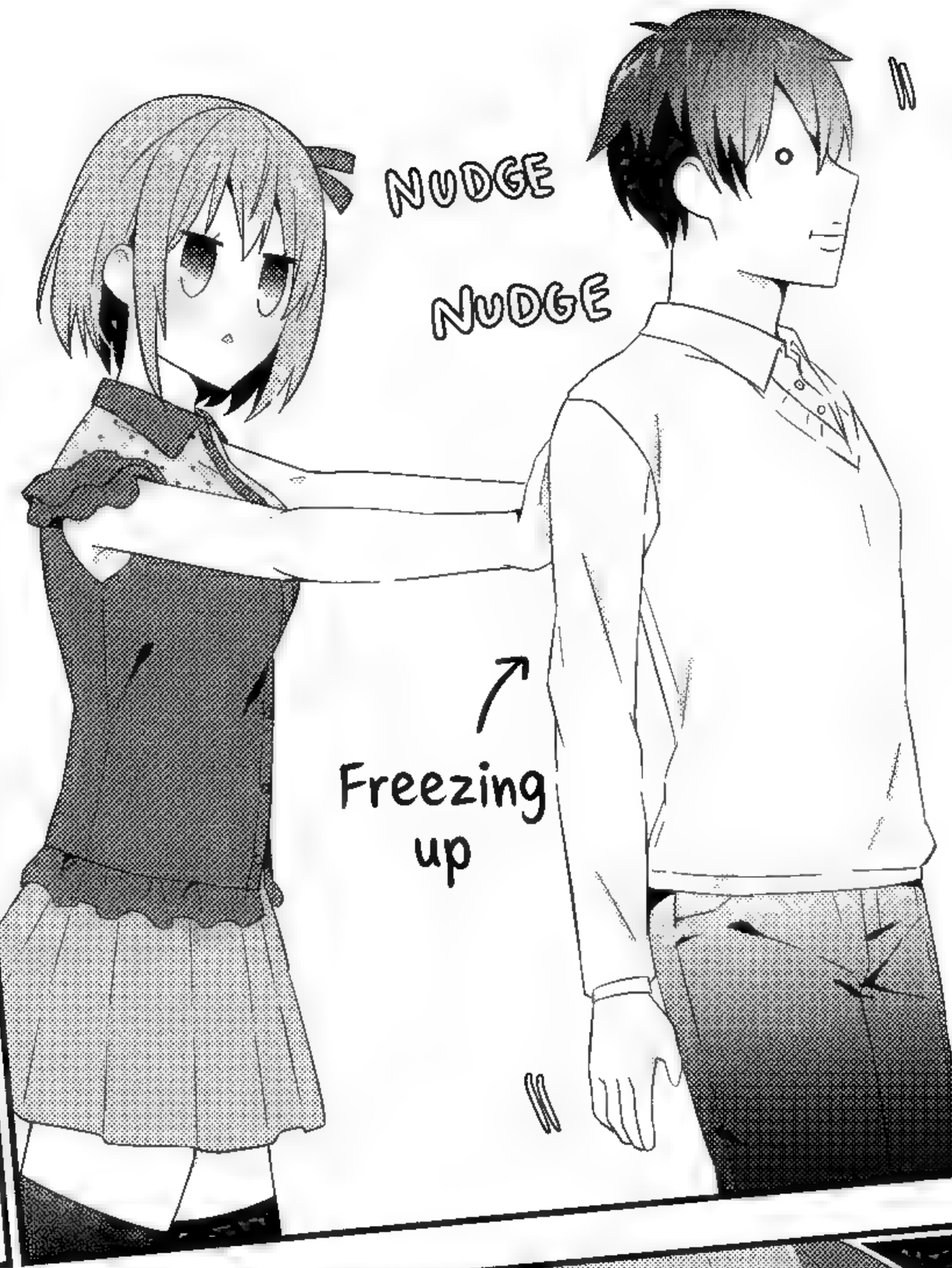
Heh heh.
MMM... VERY WELL. ON TO THE NEXT ONE!!
YOU AREN'T GONNA BUY IT?!
YUI, THOSE CLOTHES LOOK SUPER GOOD ON YOU!!

THEY WANDERED THROUGH CLOTHING STORES...
AND SO,

This is heavy...

She was just window shopping after all...

Sparkle


NUDGE
NUDGE
Freezing up

SASHAY
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, YUI?

BUY IT. IT'S 100,000 YEN!*

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.

*ABOUT $900 USD

...

BESIDES, YOU ALREADY HAVE A STONE.

The one I gave you before.

Rustle

Rustle

BY THE WAY, THAT STONE...

LIKE "YOU ALREADY HAVE TOYS AT HOME?!" WATCH HOW YOU PHRASE THINGS!!

YEAH! IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO GIVE ME SOMETHING LIKE THIS, AFTER ALL.

HUH? YOU WERE CARRYING IT AROUND WITH YOU?

IS RIGHT HERE!

I JUST FEEL KINDA HAPPY...

Since you're taking such good care of it.

Stare

...

HUH? SOMETHING WRONG?

NO.

むむ
BLUUUSH
BOP
These don't hurt...
BOP
FINANCIAL FORTUNE PUNCH! FINANCIAL FORTUNE PUNCH!
WHY DID THAT MAKE YOU PERFORM MELEE ATTACKS?

EMPTY

WHEW, DID I EAT A LOT!

Nom

Nom

Nom

Nom

SUGAR SURE HITS THE SPOT WHEN YOU'RE TIRED!

YES?
OH... DON'T MIND ME. YOURS JUST LOOKS REALLY GOOD TOO...
Staaare...
HM?
WANT A BITE?
WHA?!
A-A BITE? BUT WHAT IF IT INFECTS ME WITH SOMETHING?! YOU KNOW, LIKE A CAVITY OR SOMETHING...
THAT'S A SUPERSTITION.

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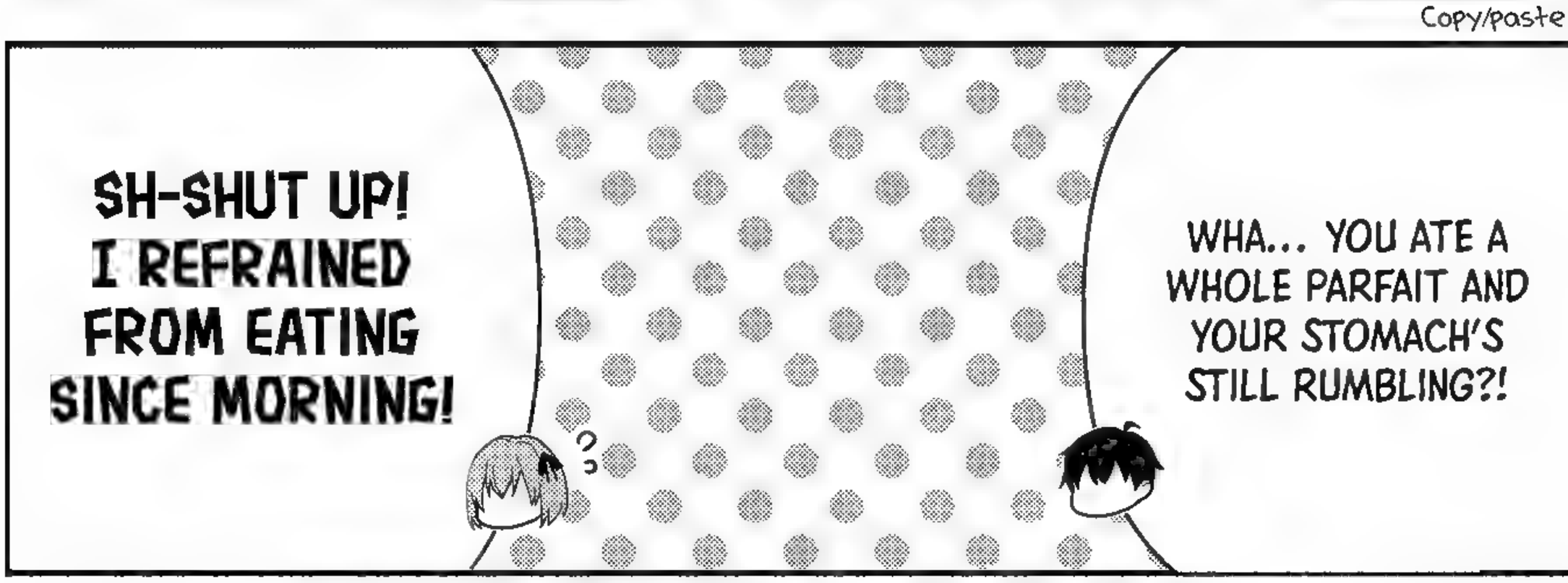

WHAT DOES HE EXPECT ME TO DO, GO AAAAH?! YEAH RIGHT!!

FWOHHH!!

Gulp...

THIS IS LIKE, A SUPER COUPLE-Y THING TO DO!!

Aaaah

Mmmm
Munch
Munch
MMM-MMM-MMM!
WHY DO THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE GETTING ALONG SO WELL... WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!
YUI...!

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CHAPTER 19

#47: Rio's Darkness

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG, MASTER RIO?!

GREETING

SORRY, I JUST MADE A LITTLE STOP ON THE WAY...

AFTER ALL, YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE SURPRISE GUEST AT TODAY'S PARTY, MASTER!

LET'S HURRY UP AND GET READY!

DECORATING

GOT ANOTHER ROLL OF TAPE, MASTER?

HUH?

HEY, EARTH TO MASTER RIO!!
TWITCH

GOT ANOTHER ROLL OF TAPE?!

Y-YES, I DO.

YOU WEREN'T LISTENING TO ME?!

S-SORRY, IS SOMETHING WRONG?

YOU'VE SEEMED REALLY DOWN FOR A WHILE NOW, MASTER... DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

Hmm...

MINA... I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU.

Huh?

ARE YUI AND YUUKI NARITO...

GOING OUT?

THEY'RE A LOVEY-DOVEY COUPLE!

YEAH!

SO IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY, RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING... I THOUGHT THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE.

HUH? WHAT'S WRONG, MASTER? YOU'VE GOT A SCARY EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE...

...GH!

THEY MUST HAVE BEEN DECEIVING ME ON PURPOSE AND LAUGHING AT ME BEHIND MY BACK!

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE IF THEY'D JUST TOLD ME FROM THE GET-GO,

BUT... NEITHER OF THEM EVER SAID ANYTHING.

YUKIKUN AND YUI-CHAN WOULD NEVER DO THAT!!

NO!

EXPLAINING

THEN WHY DIDN'T THEY TELL ME?!

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M YUI'S FRIEND OR ANYTHING.

SHE PROBABLY JUST THOUGHT THERE WAS NO REASON TO LET ME IN ON THE SECRET...!!

M-MASTER RIO...?!

TWITCH

Oooh...!
DASH
BUMP
LISTEN TO MEEE!!
MASTER RIO!

...THEY'RE PRETENDING TO GO OUT FOR MY SAKE.

She caught me off guard...

I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO MAKE A FRIEND...

...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

BUT I PROMISED YUKIKUN THAT IF HE GOT A GIRLFRIEND,

I'D MAKE A FRIEND TOO.

HEH HEH HEH...

I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THAT... BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT THEY WERE FAKING IT, MINA?!

...IN ANY CASE.

I OVERHEARD YUKIKUN TALKING ABOUT IT ON THE PHONE!

FLIP

TOO naive!

EAVES-DROPPING

DON'T TELL THEM ABOUT THIS, OKAY?

I'M JUST PRETENDING LIKE THEY TRICKED ME, FOR THEIR SAKE!

BUT YUI-CHAN AND YUKIKUN BOTH GOT SUPER WORRIED AND WENT OUT LOOKING FOR ME...

A WHILE BACK, I GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH YUKIKUN AND RAN AWAY FOR A BIT.

THEY BOTH...

SO YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY!

Clench

...HMPH.

SO THEN I REALLY AM THE ONLY CLOWN HERE AFTER ALL!

REALLY CARE ABOUT YOU, MASTER RIO!

IN THE END... I HAVEN'T CHANGED ONE BIT...

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE BADMOUTHING A CLASSMATE, YOU NEED TO COME AND TELL ME!

IN THE NAME OF GETTING ALONG WITH EACH OTHER,

TODAY IS THE START OF NO BADMOUTHING WEEK.

Niku

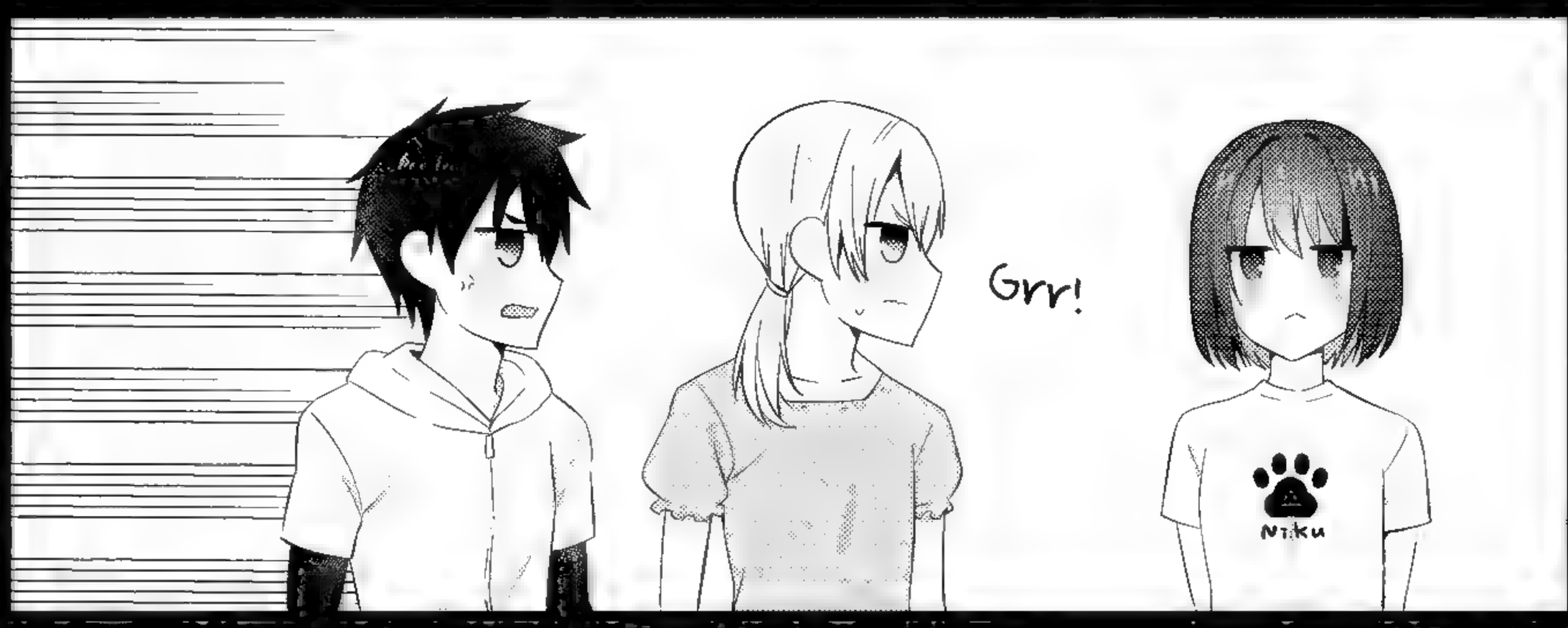
Year 4 Class 1 Homeroom

Hmph

THERE'S NO POINT IN ACTING LIKE A CUTE LITTLE PET WHEN SHE LOOKS LIKE THAT...
CAN YOU BELIEVE C-CHAN? SHE NEEDS TO WAKE UP ALREADY!
A-san and B-san were talking about C-san...
What?!
D-kun and E-kun were talking about F-kun...
Hmm...
NO WAY! HE'S SOOO SLOW!
WANNA INVITE F TO COME PLAY SOCCER TOO?

HANASHIRO-SAN TOLD ME ALL ABOUT IT!

YOU TWO WERE BADMOUTHING SOMEONE, WEREN'T YOU?!



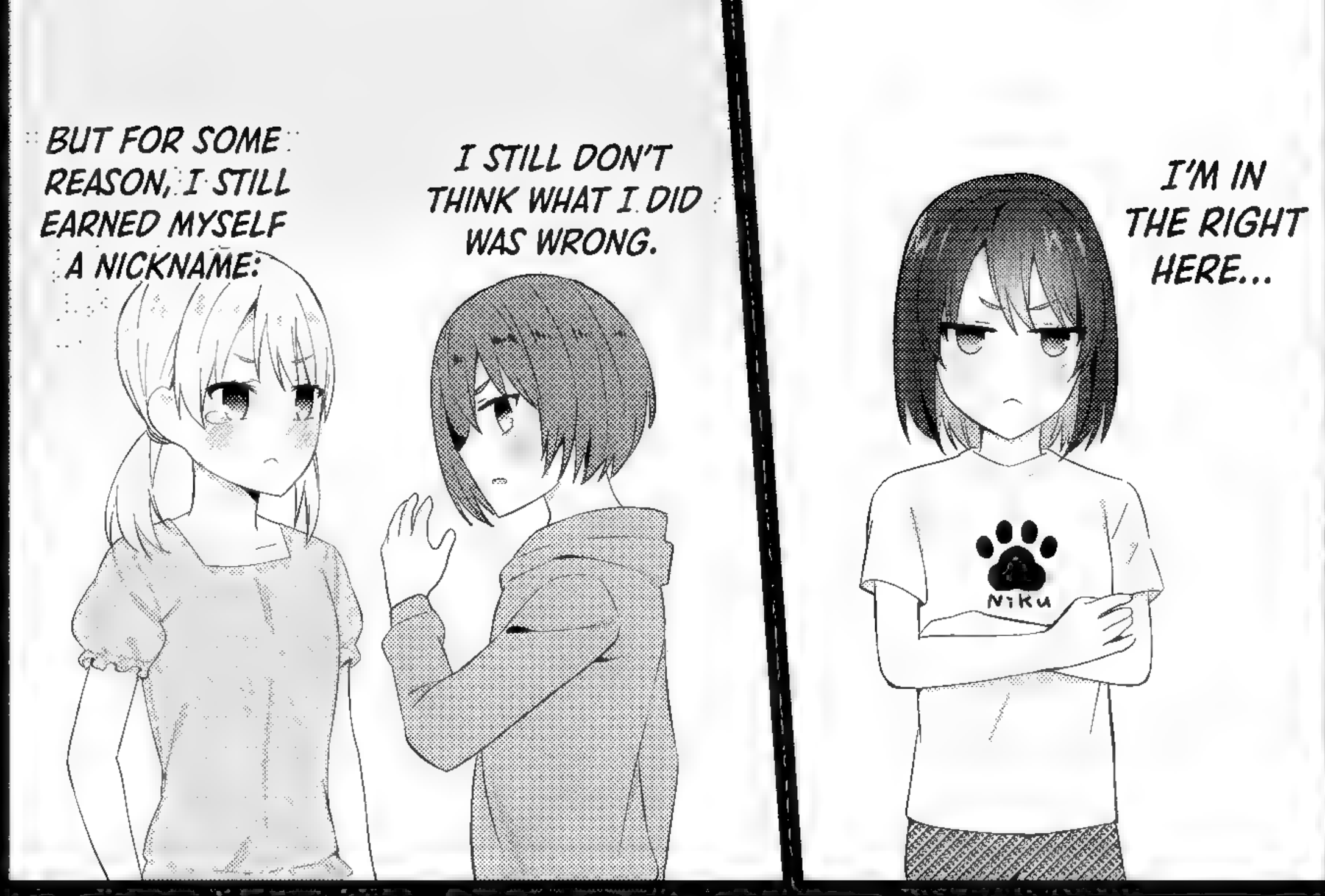
I WAS ONLY DOING WHAT'S RIGHT.

HANASHIRO-SAN! WHY DID YOU SNITCH ON ME?!

HUH?!

WE WEREN'T BULLYING THEM TO THEIR FACES, WERE WE?!

Niku



TWISTED JUSTICE GIRL

BUT I FELT LIKE ACCEPTING THE FACT THAT I WAS IN THE WRONG WOULD NEGATE MY ENTIRE LIFE THUS FAR.

AND BLACK AS WHITE.

IN OUR WORLD, IT SOMETIMES BECOMES NECESSARY TO TREAT WHITE AS BLACK,

So I'll tell you the right answer.

You got this one wrong.

I didn't ask for your help!

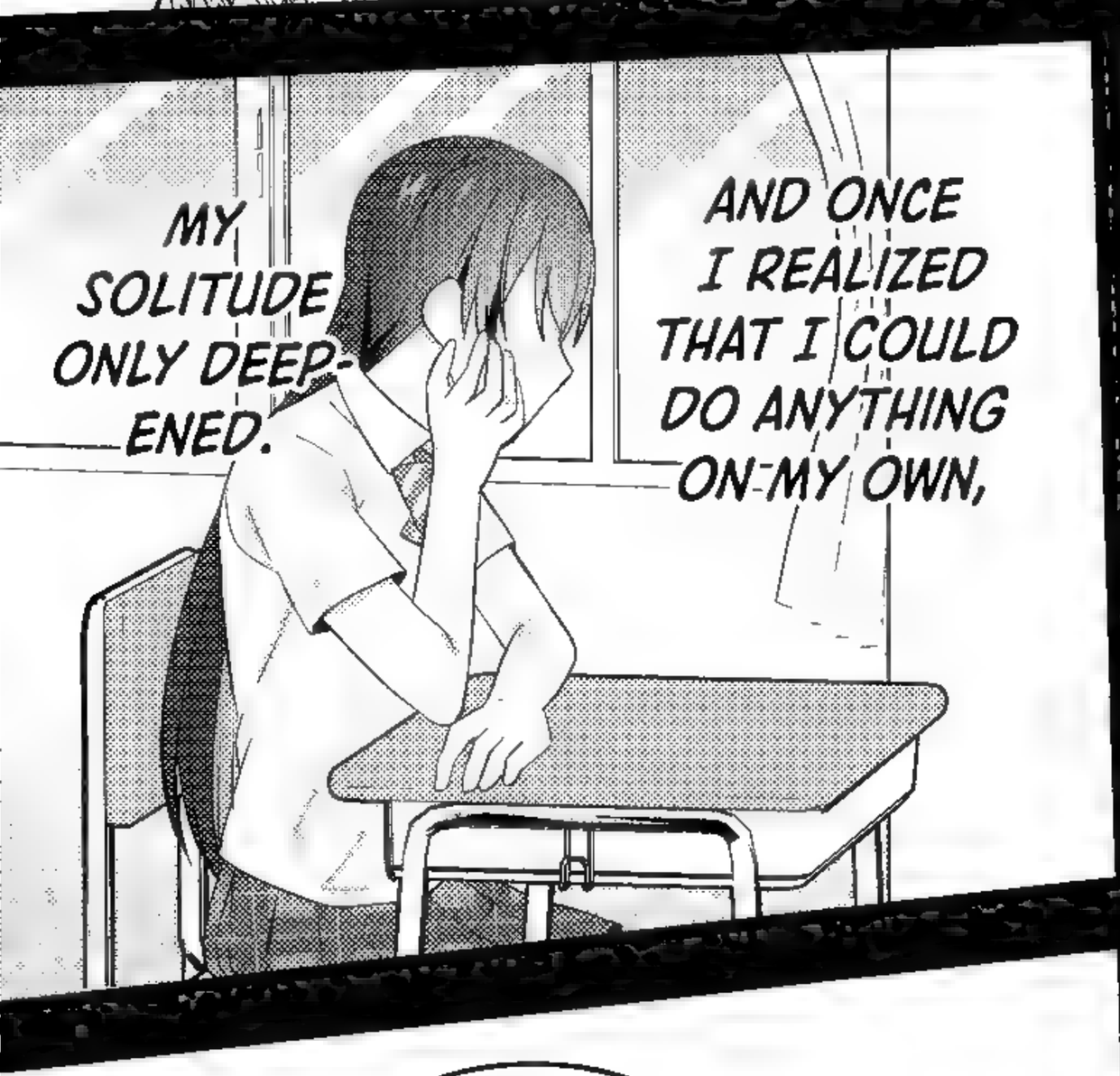
End of Semester Test

1.Rio Hanashiro
2.Taro Tanaka
3. Dangerous
4. Ken-Son
5. Susumu Hori
6. Hitomi Shimada
nagiga
amoto
tanabe
Muro
azuki

YOU NEVER FAIL TO IMPRESS, HANASHIRO!

I CAN MAKE IT ON MY OWN REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER THE PEOPLE AROUND ME SAY!

I'M STRONG.



NICE TO MEET YOU, HANASHIRO-SAN!

WHAT'S HER PROBLEM...?!

GEEZ, IT SURE IS EXCITING TO SIT NEXT TO A GIRL!

DO AS YOU LIKE!

HEY, HEY, CAN I CALL YOU RIO-CHAN?

Pretty hand-writing...

YOUR NOTES ARE INCREDIBLE, HANASHIRO-SAN!

Notebook

TH-THEY'RE JUST NORMAL NOTES.

HMPH...

EVEN WHEN I ACTED UNKIND TOWARD HER, SHE NEVER MISSED A BEAT... IT WAS EVEN KIND OF IRRITATING!

You can call me Yui, you know!

DAY AFTER DAY, THE GIRL WHO SAT NEXT TO ME WOULD TALK TO ME AND SMILE AT ME.

THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED... DEEP DOWN, THE GIRL WHO THOUGHT SHE COULD DO EVERYTHING ON HER OWN...

IT ACTUALLY MADE ME HAPPY.

BUT...

STILL WANTED TO BE WANTED BY SOMEONE.

KEEP THE WHOLE "FAKE GOING OUT" THING A SECRET, OKAY?!
O-OKAY...
IN ANY CASE!
Ahh.

THEY'LL START GOING OUT FOR REAL IN THE END!
...I HOPE...

Time to get back to work!
EASIER SAID THAN DONE, THOUGH ♪

I'VE TWISTED THINGS UP YET AGAIN.

...

"YOU REALLY THINK YOU'RE ALWAYS RIGHT ABOUT EVERYTHING?"

"JUST GET OUT OF MY WAY ALREADY."

I HAVEN'T CHANGED...

ONE BIT SINCE BACK THEN...

STOP IT...!

YUI'S THE ONE PERSON...

IF EVEN YUI'S GOING TO CALL ME THAT IN THE END...

"TWISTED JUSTICE GIRL."

I'D RATHER JUST REMAIN ALONE FOREVER.

I'LL JUST GO BACK TO BEING THE OLD ME... THE PERSON I WAS BEFORE I EVER MET HER.

MASTER RIO! I'M GONNA GO OUT AND DO A LITTLE SHOPPING!

HOLD THE FORT DOWN WHILE I'M GONE!

SHOPPING

WHEW, I HAD SO MUCH FUN TODAY♡

WELL, HERE WE ARE!

YUI.

SEE YA LATER, YUUKI-KUN!

MINA AND I ARE GOING TO THROW A ***GOOD-JOB PARTY*** FOR THE TEST AFTER THIS...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME OVER AND JOIN US?

HEH HEH... I'D BE HAPPY TO ♪

Ooh.

HUH? IT'S SO DARK...

WE'RE BACK!

THOSE AREN'T MINA'S SHOES...

CLICK

NO, SHE DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THAT...

YOU THINK SHE INVITED SOMEONE ELSE OVER?

Tmp

Tmp

RIO-CHAN...?!

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OH... HUH.

BUT THERE ARE ONLY THREE PLATES ON THE TABLE... RIGHT?

THAT WAS INTENTIONAL.

WHERE'S MINA, ANYWAY?

SHE WENT SHOPPING.

A controller!

OH, YUUKI-KUN! CAN I BORROW DIS?

SHE LEFT JUST BEFORE YOU GOT BACK, SO SHE MAY NOT RETURN FOR A WHILE.

HUH? UH, SURE.

I SEE...

Slide

Until Mina-chan comes home!

HEY, RIO-CHAN, LET'S PLAY MASH BROS!

I WANNA GET SOME REVENGE ON YOU ♪

ALL RIGHT THEN, I GUESS I'LL WARM UP ON MY OWN.
Whew...
I... DON'T FEEL LIKE IT RIGHT NOW.
Hngh
Hngh
RIO HANASHIRO...

I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU.

WHAT'S WRONG?

THE MATTER WE DISCUSSED AFTER HAVING BENTO.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I ENDED UP ASKING YUI ABOUT IT IN PERSON, BUT SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T KNOW A THING ABOUT IT.

WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME AND WHAT YUI'S TOLD ME... IT DOESN'T MATCH UP.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS, YOU DON'T LIKE ME, CORRECT?
IF YOU BOTH THOUGHT I WAS IN THE WAY...
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST TOLD ME FROM THE START.

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE IN THE WAY AT ALL...
OH, NOTHING.
I'M IN YOUR WAY, SO I'LL GET OUT OF IT, JUST AS YOU WISH.
I'M NOT REALLY FOLLOWING YOU HERE... IF I DID SOMETHING WRONG, ALLOW ME TO APOLOGIZE.
THIS ISN'T A MATTER OF ME WANTING AN APOLOGY FOR SOMETHING.
YOU'VE SEEN IT, HAVEN'T YOU?

I DON'T THINK SO.

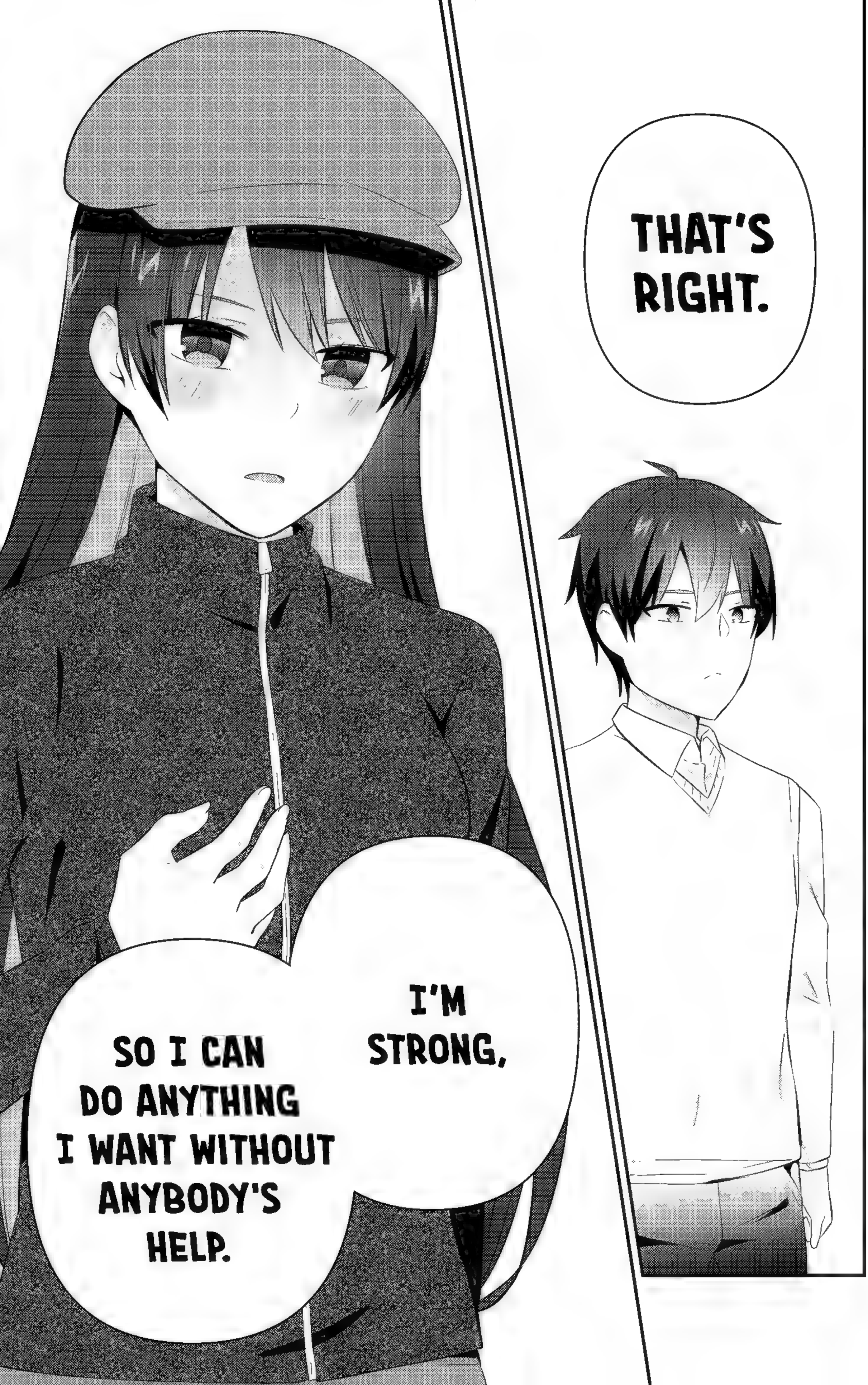
YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT WITHOUT ANYBODY'S HELP... I THINK YOU'RE INCREDIBLE, RIO HANASHIRO.

GRIT

EVERYONE OSTRACIZING ME...

MAKING FUN OF ME...

THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF PERSON I AM.


THAT'S RIGHT.
SO I CAN DO ANYTHING I WANT WITHOUT ANYBODY'S HELP.
I'M STRONG,

I PREFER BEING ALONE.

UNLIKE YOU, WHO JUST TROTS AROUND WHEREVER HE PLEASES,

STAY AWAY FROM MY SPOT FROM NOW ON, YOU HEAR ME?

THAT SPOT BELONGS TO ME AND ME ALONE!

RIO HANASHIRO...

I LEAVE THE REST IN YOUR HANDS.

THE CAKE THAT MINA BOUGHT IS IN THE FRIDGE.

...ANYWAY, I'M GOING HOME.

I'D ONLY RUIN THINGS IF I STAYED HERE.

HOLD ON. AREN'T YOU GOING TO CELEBRATE WITH US?

A THICK-HEADED MAN

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME THINKING ABOUT ME ANYMORE... YOU TWO MAKE A FINE COUPLE.

AND MS. SEATMATE KILLER.

FAREWELL.

RIO-CHAN!!

HERE.

YOU'RE NOT LEAVING TODAY UNTIL I BEAT YOU.

THINKING, "GEEZ, SHE'S SAYING A LOT OF WEIRD CRAP TODAY."

YEAH, I WAS LISTENING.

WHAP

THEN JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!

LIKE I SAID, I'M JUST GETTING OUT OF YOUR WAY!

THUD

YOU'RE GOING TO RUN AWAY?

NOT JUST FROM ARGUING WITH ME,

BUT FROM THE GAME YOU'RE SO GOOD AT?

SNAP

YOU'RE SCARED OF LOSING, AREN'T YOU?

HOW DARE YOU?!
Clench...
EVER SINCE WE FIRST SAT NEXT TO EACH OTHER!
THE TRUTH IS... I-I'VE ALWAYS HATED YOU!!
I... HATE YOU, YUI!

THAT ONLY MAKES IT WORSE, THEN.

I ALWAYS MAKE WHOEVER SITS NEXT TO ME FALL IN LOVE WITH ME... EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM.

YOU REALLY THINK I'M GOING TO LET YOU, AND ONLY YOU, SAY YOU DON'T LIKE ME?

UNTIL I HEAR IT, THERE'S NO ESCAPE!

I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU FALL FOR ME AND SAY THAT YOU LIKE ME.

BUT YOU SAID YOU *WEREN'T* THE SEATMATE KILLER!

STOP TRYING TO BE NICE TO ME.

THIS IS JUST HOW I AM... BUT YOU'LL STILL BE FRIENDS WITH ME, RIGHT?

HEH HEH... SORRY!

WHEN I MET YOU, YUI, I REALIZED SOMETHING.
BUT,
I THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT EVERYONE HATED ME...
WAAA
AAH
I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE ANYMORE!

Pat

YOU'RE UNDAUNTED BY ANYTHING ANYONE SAYS ABOUT YOU.

YOU HELPED YUI WITH HER STUDYING,

AND YOU'RE INCREDIBLY GOOD AT VIDEO GAMES.

SHE STARTED GETTING BETTER GRADES, WHICH MADE HER HAPPY.
AFTER YOU HELPED MINA WITH HER STUDYING,
AND THAT'S NOT ALL. SHE ENJOYED DOING OTHER THINGS WITH YOU TOO,
LIKE PLAYING GAMES... AND SAID SHE WANTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
ALTHOUGH WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO UNDER-STAND EVERYTHING YOU FEEL...
BOTH MINA AND I REALLY LIKE YOU, RIO.

SO RIO-CHAN,

YOU NEED TO START LIKING YOURSELF TOO!

...AND I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

YUI... YUUKI-KUN...

ALL I COULD DO WAS TELL MYSELF THAT I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN,

I'm home!

IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY MY ACTIONS.

I'M NOT STRONG AT ALL.

BUT...

EXCITED

IT REALLY DOES MAKE ME HAPPY TO FEEL CLOSE TO SOMEONE.

DON'T MENTION IT!

SORRY FOR LOSING MY COOL TODAY.

LET'S HANG OUT AGAIN SOMETIME!

VROOOOM...

TH-THANKS.

Y-YUI!

ON THE CONTRARY, I WAS HAPPY TO SEE A NEW SIDE OF YOU!

I... MISUNDER-STOOD YOU, YUI.

HUH?

I GUESS THE SEATMATE KILLER ISN'T SO EVIL AFTER ALL...

OH, I WAS JUST LYING.

BUT... RIO HANASHIRO ALSO...

SOMETIMES THE ENDS JUSTIFY THE MEANS, YOU KNOW?

YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND, YUUKI-KUN.

WHAT?

Pat

...BUT,

YOU ENDED UP LOOKING REALLY COOL TOO, YUUKI-KUN!

IN THE END,

YOU LOOKED COOL TOO, YUI.

PAT

PAT

HEY... I CAN'T LET YOU STEAL MY SPECIALTY...

PAT...

What's going on over there...?

HEY... WHY ARE YOU PATTING ME BACK?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEING PATTED RIGHT NOW, GOSH DARNIT!!

PAT

PAT...

PAT...

HEY, I BROUGHT MASH BROS.
HUH?
WHAT IF HANASHIRO NOTICES?!
AW, RELAX. SHE EATS LUNCH OUTSIDE, DOESN'T SHE? WE'LL BE FINE...

HEY... I KNOW WHAT THAT IS.
Staaare
!?

What...?!

SNICKER

...I PLAY MASH BROS TOO, YOU KNOW.

BUT NOW I FEEL UNBELIEVABLY LIGHT.

EACH FOOT-STEP ALWAYS FELT SO HEAVY AS I CARRIED MYSELF TO MY DESTINATION...

I ALWAYS USED TO WALK THIS PATH ALONE.

OKAY, I'LL TRADE ONE FOR A PIECE OF OMELET.

TRADE ME A PIECE OF FRIED CHICKEN!

!!

HOW ABOUT A NARITO BENTO?

WHILE HE HAS YET TO NOTICE.

IT REALLY DOES SEEM LIKE YUI HAS SPECIAL FEELINGS FOR NARITO-KUN...

That's from a convenience store!!

HIS HEART MAY CHANGE EVENTUALLY.

BUT...

FELL IN LOVE WITH YUI, THE SEATMATE KILLER.

JUST LIKE HOW I ALSO,

THEREFORE...

WATCH OVER THEM FROM THE SIDELINES.
I'VE DECIDED I'M SIMPLY GOING TO...

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